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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 24 June 2024 to the Office of Right Honourable Christopher Luxon requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

All costs associated with the NZDF's plane breakdown in PNG, including but not limited to:

Costs for the PM's delegation's commercial flights to Japan from PNG; costs for the business delegations and media delegation's flights to Japan; all accommodation for all delegations. In addition to the above, I'm specifically requesting the cost to divert the Air NZ flight to Brisbane. I'm also requesting all correspondence from the PM, and his office, relating to the plane's breakdown. I'm also requesting all correspondence from the PM and his office to Air NZ

The part of your request concerning the cost of the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) aircraft breaking down in Papua New Guinea was transferred to the NZDF in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA.

As the affected system was isolated to allow for a continued safe flight, repair was undertaken by NZDF personnel during scheduled maintenance. A particular cost for the affected system is not recorded. The incidental cost to accommodate NZDF personnel was approximately \$9,900.00.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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